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finally decided, in my mind, that I could not have it on conscience to not allow treatment for those that need it. have other programs, it's true, but I could not find, looking other ways of providing this. And I actually know others were looking too, and I think there is an area there for some segment of our society to provide these services, if that's they want, that will be completely away from the Planned Parenthood concept, which is there, if that be their desire. There is room for a provider in this area, albeit I don't know how big cf an area it would be. But the truth of it are services that are going to moderate and less income that are not getting the services from their family doctor for whatever These are spread across the state, and they are being and this is the way that they are being provided. And, once again, I emphasize, they are being reimbursed. I have been told that those funds are kept separate, that there is...that those funds are segregated, so they're...they do not, one, impact on the other. I know that s probably subject to discussion, but it seems to me that we have to have this approach somewhere that those women can access this, if they need it, and that's the why it's in the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. As a woman, this is a very difficult issue, because I do care about other women and particularly those that don't have the income to assist them in some of these matters. I do thank Senator Crosby for her his...for the history that she did provide us. rise in support of Senator Dierks' amendment, however, and I just want to share with you that. something that was pointed out to me that each of the agencies, under the umbrella of the Family Planning Council of Nebraska, receives federal Title X funds, and each are obligated, under federal policy, to treat abortion as a method of family planning. And this might answer the question of Senator Robinson that the state taxpayer's funds given to these Title X agencies would then allow them to free up other funds that could be used for abortion counseling and And I do oppose the taking of life, and it has been pointed out that there have been over 600 unborn children that have been aborted in the Lincoln facility, and this is certainly great concern of mine. I would hope that we might find some